

## **Committee of the Whole**

April 14, 2015

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

13 JPs Present: Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison,  
Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand,  
Meyers, Moehring  
2 Absent: \* Easley, Moore

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, Assessor Linda Hambrick, Administrator of General Services John Sudduth, Administrator of Public Safety Marshal Watson, Comptroller Brenda Guenther, Director of Information Technologies Eddie Mahar, Captain Jeremy Gyll, Election Commission Chairman Russell Anzalone

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

In the absence of Committee Chair JP Kurt Moore, JP Tom Allen called the meeting to order.

JP Allen stated that the presentation by Sheriff Cradduck will be removed from the agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **Presentation: Sheriff Cradduck – End of Year Update and Goals for 2015 – Removed from Agenda**

### **Discussion: Election Voting Equipment - Election Commission Chair – Russ Anzalone**

Russ Anzalone Chairman of the Benton County Election Commission distributed estimates received from Election Systems & Software and Unisyn Voting Solutions for new voting equipment. He stated that the Secretary of State's Office will choose which voting machines that will be used in Arkansas. He added that the commission would prefer to remain with Election Systems & Software as their provider for electronic voting and software. He stated that the estimated cost for ES&S would be approximately \$1.8 million and that Unisyn Voting Solutions carried a lower estimated cost but those machines have operating features that could present problems in the future.

Russ Anzalone stated that the state has set aside \$30 million in the budget for voting machines for all 75 counties for the next fiscal year and that Benton County's share could come close to covering the \$1.8 million. He stated that he thinks that we are going to come close to giving us the \$1.8 million and as long as they are close to that he does not expect that they will have to come back for more money.

\*JP Easley entered the meeting.

Lengthy discussion was held on the functions and options offered by both software companies and the estimated costs to purchase the new voting machines. Russ Anzalone reported that because of the bulky design of the stands for the voting machines the Election Commission will have to provide transportation to deliver these machines to the polling sites and that the Commission will make that request in the 2016 budget.

After further discussion on the type of vehicle that would be needed to transport the voting machines to the polling sites, JP K. Harrison made motion to prepare a resolution supporting the Election Commission's recommendation for the voting system offered by Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for the needs of Benton County and forward to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all resolutions and ordinances by title only, seconded by JP Anglin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**A. Resolution Request: Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of County Surveyor for Benton County; Sponsor: JP Shirley Sandlin**

JP Shirley Sandlin read the proposed resolution by title only and made motion to approve and forward to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**B. Resolution Request: Appointing a Successor to Fill the Vacancy in the Office of County Surveyor for Benton County; Sponsor: JP Shirley Sandlin**

JP Sandlin read the proposed resolution by title only and made motion to approve and forward to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

JP Sandlin stated that this position is a non-paid position and could be left vacant until the next election.

There being no further discussion, a show of hands vote was recorded as follows:

6 For: J. Harrison, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Curry, Leadabrand  
8 Against: Easley, Shadlow, K. Harrison. Adams, Allen, Chiocco, Moehring,  
Meyers  
1 Absent: Moore

Motion to forward the proposed resolution to the Quorum Court meeting on April 23, 2015, failed.

**C. Resolution Request: To Apply for an Arkansas State Police – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) FY 2016 Grant: Sponsor: JP Joel Jones**

JP Jones stated this resolution request is to apply for the Arkansas State Police – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) 2016 grant funding to increase DUI and Seatbelt enforcement.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**D. Resolution Request: To Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds – War Eagle Bridge; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring**

JP Moehring stated this resolution request is to apply for the Federal-aid Transportation Alternative Funds to develop or improve the War Eagle Bridge project, and made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the April 14, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Joel Jones.

Lengthy discussion was held on the Federal-Aid Transportation Alternative Program Funds for the War Eagle Bridge project.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**E. Ordinance Request: To Increase the Daily Fee Charged to Municipalities for Housing Prisoners in the County Jail; Sponsor: JP Brent Meyers**

Quorum Court Coordinator Janet Reaves read the proposed ordinance by title only.

JP Meyers made motion to approve and forward the proposed ordinance to increase the daily fee charged to municipalities for housing prisoners in the County Jail to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded JP Jay Harrison.

After lengthy discussion was held to omit language that also referred to the fee charged for holding state inmates in the county jail from the ordinance.

JP Meyers withdrew his motion, second concurred.

After further discussion it was the consensus of the court that the proposed ordinance be referred to County Attorney George Spence to review and make any necessary changes to the wording and that this proposed ordinance be placed on the May 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

**F. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0108, Non-Departmental/Maintenance, Fund 4000, Sponsor: JP Tom Allen**

Quorum Court Coordinator Janet Reaves read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the April 23, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

County Judge Bob Clinard stated that the Benton County Rogers Office (BCRO) has far exceeded expectations. He stated pending this court's approval that he recommended buying land in Rogers adjacent to the BCRO building for additional parking. He stated that the additional land will give the Rogers offices of the Assessor, Collector and County Clerk, and the State Revenue Office, another 40 parking spaces. He reported that the cost to purchase the land was \$82,000 with an additional \$57,000 for the costs for improvements needed to use this property for parking.

Lengthy discussion was held on the costs to purchase the additional land, and the improvements costs for the additional parking area for the Benton County Rogers Office (BCRO) building.

County Judge Bob Clinard presented a power point presentation showing the proposed changes to the interior to be made at the Benton County Rogers Office (BCRO) building. He stated that he plans to move the office space used in the Rogers BCRO building by the Public Defender to the Center for Non-Profits in Rogers to increase the space available for the other offices in the county building.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JP Jones announced that a Public Safety/Justice Facility Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.